

Legal Blotter
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30th Space Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
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Courts-Martial

A staff sergeant within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was convicted at a special court-martial of dereliction of duty for advising a junior airman on how to conceal drug abuse. The staff sergeant was sentenced to a reduction to the grade of E-4.

A senior airman within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was convicted at a general court-martial of wrongful possession, distribution, introduction to Vandenberg AFB, and use of cocaine, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), 3-4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy), psilocybin (magic mushrooms), and Coricidin Cough and Cold. The senior airman was sentenced to be confined for 200 days, a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of \$850 pay per month for 10 months, and reduction to the grade of E-1.

An airman within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was convicted at a general court-martial of wrongful use of cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, and psilocybin; wrongful distribution of cocaine and ecstasy; wrongful introduction of cocaine to Vandenberg AFB; and wrongful possession of cocaine and hydrocodone. The airman was sentenced to be confined for 13 months, a bad conduct discharge, total forfeiture of all pay per month for 4 months, reduction to the grade of E-1, and a reprimand.

Upcoming Proceedings

The following proceedings are open to the public:

A special court-martial is scheduled for 5-7 March 2018.

A general court-martial is scheduled for 12-15 March 2018.

Article 15 Actions (Nonjudicial Punishment)

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended through 5 June 2018, forfeiture of \$100 pay, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 113, UCMJ, misbehavior of a sentinel for sleeping on post.

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A staff sergeant assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of senior airman and a reprimand for one violation of Article 111, UCMJ, drunken driving.

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand for one violation of Article 111, UCMJ, drunken driving.

A technical sergeant assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of staff sergeant and a reprimand for one violation of Article 128, UCMJ, simple assault, Article 128, assault consummated by a battery, and Article 134, drunk/disorderly, discredit to service.

A senior airman assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman first class and a reprimand for one violation of Article 92, UCMJ, negligent dereliction of duty, for leaving a weapon unattended.

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended through 30 May 2018, restriction to base for 14 days, forfeiture of \$418.00, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 134, UCMJ, for videotaping himself urinating and posting it to a Vandenberg Air Force Base social media site.

Involuntary Discharges

None as this time.

Administrative Demotions

An airman assigned to the 30th Space Wing was demoted for driving under the influence.

From the 30th Space Wing's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate: The Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes commanders to exercise personal discretion in evaluating each case. Commanders consider the nature of the offense, the record of the servicemember, the needs for good order and discipline, the effect of punishment on the servicemember, and the servicemember's record. Every case is unique and is evaluated independently. The Manual for Courts-Martial reminds us that military law promotes justice, assists in the maintenance of good order and discipline in the armed forces, promotes the efficiency and effectiveness of the military establishment, and strengthens the national security of the United States.